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**MEMORANDUM FOR: General Robert Cutler**  
Special Assistant to the President

**SUBJECT: Draft Memorandum Regarding Preparation of Estimates of the Relative Position of the US and USSR (NSC Action 1833-b)**

Referring to my memorandum of 23 January 1958, in the above matter, and your answering memorandum of 31 January 1958, I enclose a copy of an informal memorandum on the subject of Estimates of the Relative Position of the US and the USSR, sent me by General Twining. With reference to General Twining's memorandum, I would add that it was not the purpose to create any machinery outside of the National Security Council and the Executive arm of the government to prepare the proposed estimates, but rather to develop a mechanism within the NSC structure to perform this important task.

With the exception of the annual "Net Capabilities" exercise, I do not know of any procedures whereby the studies contemplated would normally be prepared, and in fact do not know of such studies, with the exception noted, having been prepared in the past or having been made available to the Security Council.

The evaluations referred to in the third paragraph of General Twining's letter have not been made available outside of the military establishment, as far as I know, and they have not been prepared in consultation with the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

I appreciate your memorandum of 31 January 1958, which contains suggestions which certainly should be considered in connection with a revision of my draft memorandum of 17 January 1958.

I am also sending a copy of General Twining's memorandum to Dr. Killian.

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